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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 for filing in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$9	\$ 0
X \$44	\$ 0
+ \$150	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$
X \$88	\$
+ \$300	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 8, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: